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Applicants: Cirjak et al.
Group Art Unit: 1621
Examiner: M.L. Shippen
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- Response After Final Rejection

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Applicants: L. M. Cirjak, M. F. Lemanski, D. R. Wagner,) **Response Under 37 CFR 1.116**
N. C. Benkalowycz, P. R. Blum,) **- Expedited Procedure -**
M. A. Pepera, and C. Paparizos) **Examining Group 1621**

Application No. 10/721,669)

Confirmation No. 5945) Group Art Unit: 1621
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Titled: Fluid Bed Process for the Acetoxylation of Ethylene in the) Attorney Docket No.: BP 7339.06
Production of Vinyl Acetate)

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This is a Response to a Final Rejection mailed March 15, 2005, in the above-identified application.

Claims 16-28 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Sennewald (GB 1,266,623) and Sennewald (GB 1,266,624) optionally in view of Calzagano (US 3,714,237).

This Response provides specific arguments for patentability of the pending claims in reply to the stated basis contained in the Final Rejection.

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